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Change of command

Lt. Col. Robert Fleishauer takes command of the 26th Operational Weather Squadron from Col. Patrick Condray during a ceremony Tuesday at the Barksdale Officers' Club at 9 a.m. Col. Jeffry Smith, 608th Air Operations Group, hosts the event.

Change of command

Maj. Gregory Pugh, Detachment 3, 29th Training Systems Squadron, relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Patrick Wathen Thursday at 10 a.m. in the 8th Air Force Museum auditorium. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Contact Master Sgt. Paul Hauer at 456-3662 for more information.



Today

Mostly cloudy with chance of T-storms



Saturday Partly cloudy with chance of T-storms



Partly cloudy with chance of T-storms



2D BOMB WING SCOREBOARD

2d Bomb Wing Monthly Flying Goals

Depicted in Hours

Goal:

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As of: June 4

AEF deployments stretch

120-day rotations begin with AEF 5

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Most Airmen scheduled to deploy in upcoming aerospace expeditionary force packages will see their orders expand from 90 to 120 days.

The change in deployment length will begin with AEF cycle 5 in September. Those who deploy as part of AEF 1 and 2 should prepare for a 120-day deployment.

For the Barksdale community, the change means longer deployments starting in September for the more than 800 people who deploy each year; not including aircrew rotations. Mr. Anthony Van, assistant installation deployment officer, expects a small percentage of the more than 350 Barksdale people currently deployed to voluntarily extend, but not a large bulk.

"We don't expect this change to affect most of the people deploying in AEF 9 and 10, but it will affect those deploying in September who will now return in December instead of November. As for those who recently deployed to Guam, this change should not affect them," Mr Van said

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper announced the change in his "Sight Picture" on June 4. The reason for the change is the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future, he said.

"Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time," the general wrote. "Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field."

To help extend tour lengths to 120 days, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20 months in length, allows for a fourmonth eligibility window and a 16-month training window.

General Jumper also said he intends to increase the pool of Airmen eligible for deployment. Currently, the Air Force has about 272,000 Airmen earmarked as deployment-el-

"I have asked all of our major commands to

aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured (for deployment)," the general said.

The changes to the AEF cycle, while possibly difficult for some, should be considered by all Airmen as part of their commitment to the Air Force, General Jumper said.

"Let me be perfectly clear — in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know (his or her) place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in (the continental United States) via reachback, or employed at home station," General Jumper said.

Airmen currently deployed as part of AEF 7 and 8 and AEF 9 and 10 will still be held to the 90-day deployment schedule. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



It's training time

Airman Tabitha Wininger/2d CS

Staff Sgt. Robert Shipp, 2d Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment journeyman, trains Airman Lisa Berry, AGE apprentice and June's Airman of the month for the AGE flight, on checking the thickness of a combustion can for a gas turbine engine. The engine is used to support B-52s on the ground. The AGE flight's motto is "If it's in the air, AGE helped put it there."

Change brings out wing's best

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

"I've got orders!" "The new commander is here." 'Deployments are now 120 days — they used to be 90!" You will hear a lot of these types of statements over the summer months for it always turns out to be the season of change. Many of our Deuce members will permanantly change station, we have already had one group change of command, three squadron changes and there are many more to follow.

Change is almost always good because it brings out the best in units and individuals, but it is also a little scary because it is never easy and creates turbulence. As new warriors arrive, they will need time for training and orientation. There will be some frustration because we rarely provide overlap with those leaving, so our newest members must start out at a sprint from day one without having the benefit of experience. However, through it all, the mission must remain our focus — we cannot afford a break in our commitment to excellence.

A change of command is always exciting because it signals the successful completion of a leadership tour for one officer and the beginning of a new challenge for another. A new commander creates both excitement and worry because he or she will have a different vision and vector than the previous leader. New commanders bring fresh eyes to issues and new energy to challenges. I

have found that great units embrace their new commanders, and they will do everything they can to help him or her make the unit successful. In every case, every new commander and every person in the unit knows there must be no gap in combat capability because our nation is still at war and we never know when the Deuce will be called upon to deploy and fight.

When a key warrior leaves, those left behind truly discover how much the departing member contributed to the mission. There may be "pop-ups" that occur because the new person doesn't know what to do or where to go for advice or guidance. These challenges require patience and mentorship to ensure our new warriors receive the training and experience they need to accomplish their required duties. Most importantly, we must nurture innovation and encourage our new members to offer ideas or find new ways to improve a process or make the wing better.

Change also creates opportunities. As others leave, new leaders and supervisors step up to the plate. Take the time to fix things that need fixing — try new ways of doing business that will make us stronger or more effective. Teach those who work for you what to do and how to do it the right way every time. Your goal is simple — when you leave, every person you supervise

should be ready to take your place. If you train one or 10 others to be your replacement, then you have achieved your objective and will ensure your unit is on a clear vector of success.

Finally, it is up to every individual here to embrace change. It is the fuel that will rocket Barksdale to new heights. So get ready, there are changes ahead: new commanders, new people, new ideas, new taskings — it is exciting! So take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead over the summer months, but never let your focus waiver — as always, it is the mission, the mission and the mission while taking care of each other and our families.



The Action Line is your avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Your comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through your chain of command or the organization involved.

I encourage you to go that route first. Then, if you still can't resolve it or don't know where to call, I'll be glad to do it for you. I'd also like to hear the positive feedback on your experiences on base.

When calling the Action Line, the messages are recorded. Please leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you if we need more information.

Call the Action Line at 456-4000 or email action.line@barksdale.af.mil

uery: Would it be possible to make Kenney Avenue the through-way, instead of Curtiss Road and Wilbur Wright Drive? The new base exchange is creating a lot more traffic in that area and I think this change would alleviate the problem.

esponse: I appreciate your concern regarding traffic congestion on Kenney Avenue at the Curtiss Road and Wilbur Wright Drive intersections. However, the construction on Rickenbacker Avenue in front of the enlisted club may be the real problem, so we're going to wait until that construction is completed before making any major traffic changes. If traffic is still backed up after the Rickenbacker project is completed we'll relook at making Kenney Avenue a through-way. Thank you for your concern for traffic safety on Barksdale.

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Barksdale: Are you connected?

LT. COL. PARKER NORTHRUP 11th Bomb Squadron commander

Popular commercial slogans promote rate programs with the implication that unless you are connected with friends and family, you aren't really living. But how are we connected in the Air Force? And, more importantly, what does that means to you and me? I believe you should consider yourself connected to everyone you meet in three ways: culture, processes and systems.

Culture: Because we are all Airmen, we have our first indication of how we are connected culturally. Our core values represent those underlying beliefs that tie us together as Airmen regardless of how far apart we are in rank, duty title or geography. We also use organizational lines to help clarify who is connected to whom. Our objective wing structure endeavors to link those common elements around an organizational theme. If you are in the maintenance group, you know — within the context of being Airmen — you are connected as maintainers. Likewise for our medical, mission support and operations group people.

It is important to remember these organizational lines are always part of a larger organization and, often, broken down to the shop or office level where day-to-day standards are set. The primary cultural model for organization in the Air Force is the squadron. It's at this level that the mission of a commander is no longer divided among subordinate commanders. Often times, unit commanders will use slogans or mottos to help you understand the cultural attitude they are seeking to get the mission done to make you feel connected. In the 11th Bomb Squadron for example, our motto, "Dressed to Kill," is used to express the culture of formality we strive to have in training new B-52 crew members. The Air Force demands that we provide a formal, structured training process to ensure our graduates are combat ready after their classes.

If you look at your uniform, you will see that the Air Force also uses patches and uniforms to help establish cultural and organizational identity. For example, each aircraft maintenance unit wears a patch from the operational flying unit they are associated with, in addition to the 2d Bomb Wing patch and Air Combat Command patch. This represents the historical and cultural linkage between the aviators and their mechanics, which leads us to another, more evident connection.

Processes: In terms of being connected, the interdependence of the 11th BS, whose job is to fly sorties specifically designed to produce new combat-qualified crew members and the 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, whose mission is to generate aircraft for those sorties, provides, perhaps, the clearest example of two inseparable processes that connect us across organizational lines. Intelligence processes that tell us what combat capabilities we need to defeat our enemies drive the requirement to train B-52 crews. In addition, providing for the health, fitness, medical treatment, administrative accounting, housing and other innumerable aspects of having those maintainers and flyers step to the aircraft broadens that linkage to many of you. Finally, if you consider the parts, fuel, weapons, useable runway and other aspects of consumable resources, it becomes apparent that everyone is well-connected through the processes of our units. One of the ways we sustain these constantly connected processes is through interconnected systems.

Systems: Most of us are already familiar with the telephone system that has been the system of choice for connecting folks since 1876. How many of you realize that electricity was cutting-edge technology in the 1870's? The computer system you use today that connects you with every Airman is just one part of the cutting-edge information technology of our environment. Your challenge and good fortune is to have these systems that connect you to a wealth of information. In general,

these systems (including radio, computer, telephones, etc.) are used to enhance the efficiency of our organizations and processes.

Understanding that culture, processes and systems connect us all is the easy part; understanding how to leverage it, as Airmen, is the challenge. I would suggest that there are three big benefits that we could gain as commanders, subordinates and peers.

First, we keep Total Focus on the mission. Sometimes looking at the big picture of the wing's mission, which is a small part of an even larger picture when compared to the Air Force mission, can be a challenge. However, since we know that we are connected culturally and organizationally we can use this understanding to help figure out how our individual jobs, when explained in the context of a squadron mission, connect to and thus support, the group, wing and Air Force missions.

Second, we Work together. Every process, no matter how small or large, is connected to dozens — maybe hundreds — of other processes throughout the base and many times, the entire Air Force. It is by recognizing these interdependent processes, and admitting that there are no stand-alone processes (it always matters to someone else how well you do your job) that we can work together everyday.

Third, we can provide **O**pportunities through the nearly limitless system resources. We can search job opportunities for peers and subordinates on e-mail, use the mentoring tools available at Air Force Personnel Center and connect with experts, functional managers or senior leaders to search out the right opportunity for each individual, team and squadron.

The point of this article was to emphasize the ways in which we are all connected daily. Through culture, processes, and systems we, as Airmen, can achieve what our nation demands of us. So the next time someone wants to know if you are connected, you can tell him or her, "As an Airman, yes I am!"

Right thing, plan ahead:

BY MR. WILLIE LARRY

2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

Typically, state troopers are all business.

However, they have also been known to cry, drop to their knees, bury their faces and bawl like babies.

It's happened before and chances are it may happen again because people are still not doing the right thing.

It's not the right thing to plan for a weekend by adding a few beers or mixed drinks and driving your family home. Ignoring your wife when she suggests she should drive is not the right thing to do. It's not the right thing to do by showing her who's boss in your family.

How do you explain the right thing to do if, 20 minutes later, you're standing in darkness on the side of the highway with broken glass at your feet. Your wife is screaming, pinned beneath twisted steel. Your 2-year-old daughter is silent, and your 6-year-old son is sprawled face down in the mud 30 feet away.

By then, it's too late to think about the right thing to do. By now, the state trooper is there and smells alcohol on your breath as you stumble and try to explain how this happened. The state trooper is not gentle as he arrests you before pushing you into the patrol car. Then, the state trooper turns around and pauses for a few moments. Tears fill his eyes as he says a silent prayer for your family before turning his attention back to you — all business again. If you don't want a repeat of this, do the right thing and don't drink and drive.

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Change of command

Col. Anthony Faughn, 608th Air Communications Squadron, will relinquish command to Col. Michael Curtis Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the officers club ballroom. Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, will preside over the ceremony.

Closure

The 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office closes for an office function June 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For emergencies contact the call legal representative at 347-1468.

Retirement

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Marjorie Cooke, 2d Maintenance Group, is scheduled for June 24 at 2 p.m. at Chapel One.

Call Tech. Sgt. Troy McCabe or Staff Sgt. Mike Whitefield at 456-8986 for more information.

Retirement

A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Raymond Richards, 2d Munitions Squadron, is scheduled June 25 at 2 p.m. in the enlisted club ballroom. Sergeant Richards retires after 20 years of dedicated military service. Dress is casual for civilian and uniform of the day for military.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Gary Easter at 456-2367 for more information.

ALS graduation

A graduation banquet is scheduled Thursday at the enlisted club. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the event is Brig. Gen. Kimber McKenzie, 8th Air Force vice commander. Attire for the event is mess dress for officers, mess dress or semiformal for enlisted and casual evening wear for civilians.

Call 456-3298 or contact one of the students of ALS class 04-E for reservations.

Community expo

The Barksdale's first community expo is scheduled June 24 at Hoban Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free food, door prizes and T-shirts will be available.

Call Capt. Felicia Foster at 456-8006 or 2d Lt. Andrew Popoola at 456-1554 for more information.

Closure

The 2d Medical Group closes all services, including the refill pharmacy, Thursday at noon for an official function.

Free concert

The Metro Band is scheduled to perform a free concert June 26 at Hoban Hall

Call the retiree activities office at 456-4480 for more information.

Best in ACC

Services marketing division wins award

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

Observer

Barksdale's 2d Services Marketing Division garnered the 2003 Marketing Program of the Year award, beating out seven other bases in Air Combat Command that competed.

The award, announced this week, recognizes the best services marketing programs at the major command and Air Force level, regardless of the size of the wing.

"We had a strong package that was well written by our squadron leadership, not to mention a little bit of luck," said Joanne Williams, 2d SVS marketing director.

"I have worked with and performed major command inspections on numerous marketing departments and Barksdale's marketing program is among the top ones I have seen," said Chief Master Sgt. Wally Littrell, 2d SVS enlisted manager. "The entire staff demonstrates commitment to supporting our activity managers and providing the best programs possible to the Barksdale community."

The award recognizes the top market-

ing division including such things as market research, programming, advertising and promotions and event coordination.

"I was extremely impressed with what I saw as a customer and new arrival here at Barksdale from the services Web page, base paper insert and the enthusiasm around the base for the services events like the 'Boat Float Boogie,'" said Maj. Kendall Peters, 2d SVS commander. "It came as no surprise when I was told they had won best marketing program for ACC."

"The office coordinates many of the base festivals while most of the other marketing departments at other bases do not get involved in event coordination," Ms. Williams said. "We also run www.barksdale.com, which is one of the best Web sites in the Air Force."

The marketing office consists of four people and is responsible for advertising, promotions and event coordination for all of the services activities including clubs, recreation, fitness and youth activities on base. The office also raises money to fund services and base-wide special events and do market research to make program rec-

ommendations to meet the needs of the Barksdale's community.

The office launched an aggressive ad campaign of flyers, handbills, outdoor yard signs and frequent user bingo cards to help rejuvenate the enlisted club's failing bingo program. They also brought in big prizes and a fun atmosphere, the nomination packet states. The office's advertisement increased the attendance rate by 900 percent and that brought in a 350 percent increase in revenue, according to the package. The office hosted the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders base visit last year, created and executed the Cinco de Mayo festival and hosted Tops-in-Blue twice in 2003

"I am extremely pleased with the marketing staff's performance and I am glad that ACC made it official and selected them as the best in the command," said Mr. Roy Thompson, 2d SVS deputy commander. "I feel that they are one of the best in the Air Force and expect them to be selected as the Air Force winner."

Air Force level winners will be announced at the squadron commanders conference in August.

See what's happening in services; page 16



What a mess...

Airman Brandon Kusek/Observ

David Biddlecomb, a contract worker, works on the corner of Selfridge Avenue and Kenney Avenue June 4 after 54 mph winds blew limbs and branches onto the streets of Barksdale.

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ID Cards

The Military Personnel Flight ID card section opens June 19 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for servicemembers requiring ID cards, common access cards, or dependent ID cards. Call Ms. Charlotte Hikes at 456-3710 for more information.

Safety summit

A motorcycle safety summit is scheduled June 29 at Hoban Hall at 9 a.m. This is mandatory for all commanders and executive officers, first sergeants, unit safety representatives and all motorcycle riders. Supervisors of riders are encouraged to attend.

Motorcycle training

Base members must schedule a one-on-one counseling session with their unit commander and attend a motorcycle safety foundation training class before operating a motorcycle. The next three-day training course is scheduled July 8 from 5:30 - 8 p.m., July 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and July 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Tech. Sgt. Daryl Gurunian at 456-5608 or Mr. Percy Adams at 456-5612 for more information.

AFOSI seeks agents

Air Force Office of Special Investigations is looking for new agents. OSI recruiters conduct a briefing June 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dougherty Center, with interviews June 24 from 8 to 10 a.m. Interested individuals who attend the June 23 briefing need to bring a records review report of individual personnel with them.

Applicants with foreign language, computer and technical skills are among those sought after by the OSI. Senior airmen with less than six years time in service, staff sergeants through master sergeants with outstanding records and fewer than 12 years of service are eligible. Security forces members, staff sergeant-select through master sergeant, are also eligible. Senior airmen must be in their cross-training window to qualify. Members must have at least 18 months time-on-station, which is waiverable. Officers must have less than 12 years total active federal military service and less than six years total active federal commission service to apply. Air Force Personnel Center must agree to release officer applicants.

More information can be found at http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/osi/cr ossflow.htm or call Staff Sgt. Caprice Cannon at 456-3881 for more information on this event.

For more information on OSI special agent duty prior to the team's visit, visit the Web site at www.dtic.mil.

Force-shaping phase approved

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

As personnel officials review the last remaining applications for retirement or separation under the force-shaping program, a more extensive second phase of the plan has begun.

The new initiatives include expanded waivers for a number of programs including active-duty service commitments and transferring to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program. It also includes a few new ones, most notably the return of the career job reservation program.

The CJR program limits re-enlistments into the career force by constraining Air Force specialties for some first-term Airmen, officials said.

In addition, Phase II requires commanders to consider a number of quality-force factors when considering Airmen for retention. Those include correctional custody, referral reports, unfavorable information files, Article 15 action, control roster restrictions, confinement, alcoholor drug-related offenses and financial irresponsibility or mismanagement.

Phase II widens the aperture on the Phase I initiatives, which netted almost 2,500 Airmen approved for retirement, separation or Palace Chase, said Maj. Gen. John Speigel, director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

"Phase II is the next step in our forceshaping program to move us closer to the authorized end strength of 359,700 while rebalancing the skills," he said.

"Phase I put us on a glide slope to reduce the size of the force without (worsening) manning shortages in the specialties," said Maj. Dawn Keasley, chief of retirement and separation policy at the

Pentagon. "Phase II increases that momentum."

The initial goal of force shaping was to have 16,600 Airmen leave the Air Force; 3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted. Those numbers are projected to increase to almost 19,000 by Sept. 30 and to 24,000 by Sept. 30, 2005, because of record retention rates.

"Incredibly high retention and a slow recovering economy are the primary factors in the increase of personnel overages," said Col. Mike Hayden, chief of the military policy division at the Pentagon. "Retention rates in the Air Force are at their highest in a decade."

General Speigel said Phase I of the program met its objective.

"Phase I did exactly what it was supposed to do," the general said. "It allowed us to assess the level of interest and recalibrate for Phase II. Our goal is to do this drawdown as smartly while rebalancing the force and improving manning in stressed career fields."

Phase II of the program is designed to do just that. For example, Phase I required individuals to have a minimum of 24 months on active duty before applying to Palace Chase. Phase II dropped the minimum requirement to 12 months.

This modification expands the opportunity to another part of the population that might be interested in serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve, Major Keasley said.

Further, the active-duty service commitment following a permanent change of station in Phase I could be waived up to 18 months. Phase II allows for a full waiver of the commitment, officials said.

Those colonels and lieutenant colonels who would like to retire but who do not

have the three-years time in grade previously required to do so are also in luck, officials said. Phase II reduces the minimum mandatory time in grade to two years for a limited number of eligible people.

The CJR program has returned for the first time since 1999. It serves a two-fold purpose, Colonel Hayden said, helping draw down the force and balance career field numbers at the same time.

"Now is a good time to use this tool again," Colonel Hayden said. "Airmen in overage career fields, coming up on their first re-enlistment, are offered an opportunity to retrain into a shortage career field. If they choose not to retrain, they have the opportunity to transfer to Palace Chase, apply for civil service, join the Army or separate."

"In Phase II, we have more flexibility in managing each (career field) by year group than we had in Phase I," General Speigel said. "We will consider applications according to the manning health of the member's specialty by both the year group and the grade (for officers) or skill level (for enlisted)."

Because of this change, a greater percentage of applications will be approved in Phase II, officials said.

Additionally, as part of Phase II, enlisted accessions will drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end-strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005. Thus, about 24,000 new recruits will join the Air Force rather than 35,000 as originally planned, officials said.

"This accession cut would occur for one year only," said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at the Pentagon. "Then we will resume normal accession rates."

New mission equals new squadron

8th Air Force unveils new squadron in support of expansion, mission

BY TECH. SGT. JEFF LOFTIN 8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Eighth Air Force will stand up a new squadron June 21 to help support new mission areas.

"Eighth Air Force was formerly thought of as the bomber-numbered Air Force, but is now also tackling more diverse mission areas such as command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, global strike and information operations. The 608th Strategic Operations Squadron will assist in these new roles as well as support the traditional role of strategic deterrence," said Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander.

"We're part of the transformation of 8th Air Force," said Lt. Col. Les Navarro, who will command the new unit. "As Strategic Command and 8th Air Force are expanding, we'll also take on new mission roles. Some of the roles aren't even defined yet, but 8th Air Force will continue to grow to meet the requirements in both current and future mission areas."

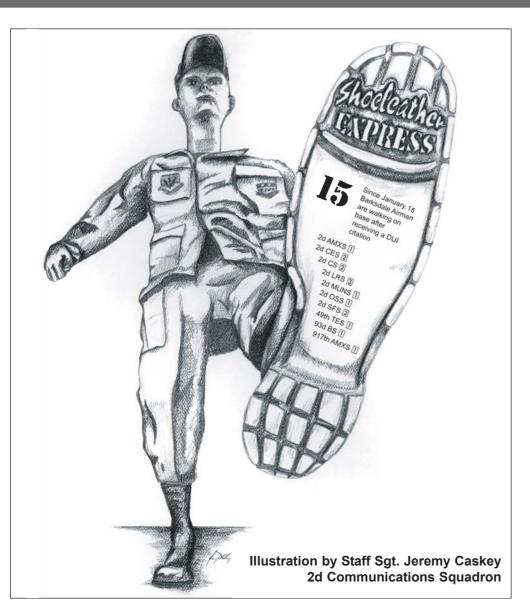
The 608th SOS will be made up primarily of members previously identified as Task Force 204 under the 608th Combat Operations Squadron. Colonel Navarro said another reason for the new unit was that their mission was so drastically different from the 608th COS. The new unit will be made up of about 30 people from a variety of specialties from weapons loaders to reconnaissance operators

"It is a cross functional, very diverse organization," Colonel Navarro said. "These guys are truly the best at what they do."

The colonel said the new unit will be "dual-hatted."

"Day to day we will provide Air Combat Command the training, organization and equipment piece for the bomber and reconnaissance aircraft supporting the STRATCOM mission as the 608th SOS," he said. "Then at a certain point when STRATCOM needs our expertise we'll help manage the generation and switch over and become the task force again.

"Rarely are you on the ground floor of anything," he said. "But here we're in on something great. Headquarters 8th Air Force specifically is in a huge transformation right now that will be around long after you and I are gone."



Four base Airmen receive Articles 15

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

From May 27 through June 2, four base members received nonjudical punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A master sergeant disobeyed a no contact order and signed a false official

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

Unit: 2d Services Squadron

Family: Wife: Wendy and three boys: Kevin, 11; Kenny, 3; and Owen, 1

Past assignments: Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.; Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Scott AFB, Ill.; Lackland AFB, Texas; Sembach, Germany, with deployments to Thumrait, Oman, and Prince Sultan, Saudi Arabia

Education: Bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant administration, University of Tennessee; master's degree in management, Webster University

Off-duty time is for: Spending time with family

Hobbies: Riding motorcycles

What challenges do you see as a commander? The high deployment rate and taking care of the 2d SVS team and their families during deployments is an obvious challenge, but I want to make sure we don't overlook the ones that stay behind and work extended hours to cover the gaps of



Maj. Kendall Peters

those that deployed.

Goals: To provide the world's best services activities to the men and women of the Barksdale community and their families. At the same time, I want my services team to enjoy their job. Work hard, but have fun doing it.

Advice to those pursuing an Air Force career: Live by the Air Force core values on and off duty.

What makes a good Airman outstanding? Attitude and initiative

statement. Punishment: reduction to technical sergeant, suspended forfeiture of pay for two months and a reprimand.

Three airmen first class assaulted another airman in the Shreve City parking lot by striking the victim in the head with their fists. Punishments: one airman received reduction to airman with sus-

pended reduction to airman basic and 30 days extra duty and two airmen received reductions to airman and 30 day restrictions

There were two discharges for misconduct under the rapid airman discharge program during the above time frame. S June 11, 2004 News Observer



Rise and shine

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne, 2d BW command chief, wish members of the wing farewell as they board a chartered aircraft early Saturday morning. About 200 people from many squadrons in the 2d BW deployed for a 90-day rotation in support of B-52 contingency operations at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The deployment is part of U.S. Pacific Command's objective to adjust its force posture to enhance regional security. These deployments underscore U.S. commitment to the Western Pacific, according to USPACOM officials.

26th OWS Airman accepted to academy

By Airman 1st Class Justasia Lehmann Observer

An Airman with the 26th Operational Weather Squadron was recently accepted to the Air Force Academy Prep School.

Airman 1st Class Aaron Dachroeden, a computer operator with the 26th OWS, was accepted to the Air Force Academy Prep School under the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development Program.

"Ever since I was little, the only thing I've ever wanted to do with my life was to be a fighter pilot for the Air Force," said Airman Dachroeden, who has been in the Air Force almost two years. "I knew that I would have to become an officer and graduate from college to do that."

The LEAD Program is a commissioning program designed to help commanders identify outstanding and deserving Airmen with officer potential. The program was initiated in 1995 and allows unit or wing commanders the authority to nominate highly qualified Airmen to attend the prepschool with the intention of attending the Air Force Academy afterward.

The qualification guidelines for entry into the program are unwaiverable because there are only 50 slots reserved for active duty Airmen at the prep school. The candidate must be single, with no dependents and must not have passed their 22d birthday before July 1 of the entry year.

Though the entry criteria are high, Airmen still jump at the chance to achieve their dreams.

"I know school is important because it's one of the keys to a successful life outside the military, but it's most important to me because it's the key to reach my dreams," said Airman Dachroeden, who's been at Barksdale three months. "I'm very excited about being accepted. I couldn't believe it when my commander broke the news to me. The prep school is a very small school and it greatly improves your chances of being accepted into the academy."

Airman Dachroeden's leadership is also excited for him.

"I enjoy knowing one of our own enlisted will attend the academy, and I think he will be a valuable leader of the future enlisted force," said Master Sgt. Cliff Weller, 26th OWS first sergeant. "He's been here only a short time, but his enthusiasm and dedication are already evident. He should do very well there."

"I'm a little bit nervous about it as well because of how academically and physically demanding the prep school is made out to be," Airman Dachroeden said. "But I've been talking to many officers who have graduated from the Air Force Academy and they have answered all my questions and been extremely helpful with everything."

Airman Dachroeden is due to attend the prep school beginning July 14.

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Four-year-old Walker Chowns sits in the pilot seat of a B-52 Stratofortress. Walker toured the base June 1 as a part of Barksdale's 'Pilot For A Day' program. He has been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor and is currently in remission



Barksdale gains 'Pilot For A Day'

BY STAFF SGT. KRISTINA BARRETT 2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Sometimes life just isn't fair. It wasn't fair when Walker Chowns was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor; and it wasn't fair when Walker was told, at the tender age of 4, he couldn't fly his beloved B-52 until he was an adult.

When a few Airmen here found out about this unfairness, they knew there was something they could do to make up for it.

The number of aircrew stationed at Barksdale increased by one as Walker was made an honorary "Pilot For A Day" June 1. He was given his very own flight suit and an inside look into the life of an aircrew member.

Escorted by Capt. Todd Mallory, 11th Bomb Squadron, Walker toured the 8th Air Force Museum, ramp and air traffic control tower. The highlight of his experience was being able to fly the B-52 simulator and sit in the pilot's seat of a B-52 and A-10.

"I was honored to have the chance to take Walker on board a B-52 and show him around," Captain Mallory said. "Here's a little boy who looked at our day-to-day work and saw something magical.

"Walker loves airplanes and if that's something he gets a lot of joy from, the least we can do is give him a full day of hands on exploring of our planes."

Capt. Matt Stanley, a B-52 escort officer from the

96th Bomb Squadron, agreed.

"It was a feeling of satisfaction seeing how an inquisitive mind sees our life as aviators," he said. "What may seem strange and overwhelming to him is our daily job. In the same way, I look at the challenges he has faced and will endure and it seems like mountains to me."

Although the goal of the day was to fulfill a dream for Walker, Airmen involved in the visit got a little something for themselves — a tug on the heartstrings from a little boy they had just met.

"It really made me realize the importance of life and how fragile it really is," said Airman Shelby Gaines, 2d Operations Support Squadron.

"I gained a greater appreciation for life and how important it is to make a list of things to do in your lifetime and work toward making them happen," added Capt. Jeremy Domb, 96th BS.

"Walker reminded me to value each day for what it is and not lose sight of how great we have it," Captain Mallory said.

Walker is currently in remission and his mother, Alisha Chowns, is hopeful that he will grow up to be a happy, healthy, normal little boy. In the meantime, she is doing a lot of praying and has decided to redecorate his bedroom to look like an airfield.

Of course life is still unfair. Walker wasn't able to take home his very own B-52, but these and other Barksdale Airmen made sure he took home enough memories to last a lifetime.



Walker commands a great view of the flightline atop the air traffic control tower.



Airman Shelby Gaines, 2d Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, explains the importance of the tower to base operations on Barksdale.

Left: Master Sgt. Michael Thornton, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron A-10 crew chief, allows Walker to explore the cockpit of an A-10. Below: Walker is named aircraft commander of an A-10 from the 47th Fighter Squadron.

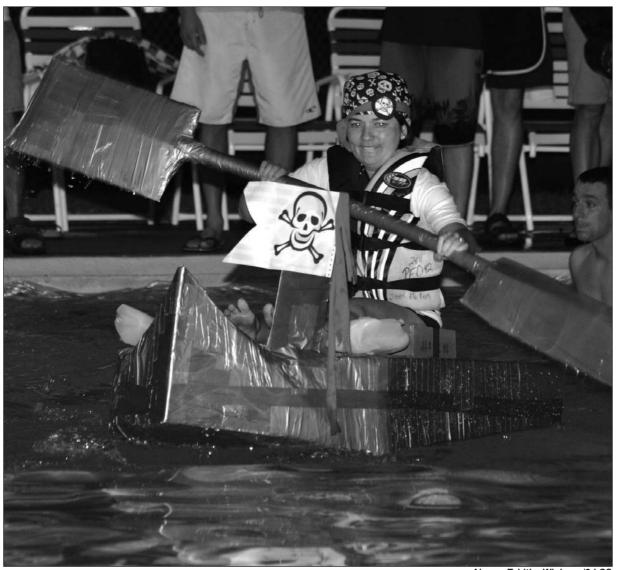
Photos by Airman Tabitha Wininger



Capt. Todd Mallory, 11th Bomb Squadron, gives Walker his very own B-52, miniature-sized, of course. The captain, who escorted Walker during his tour of Barksdale, said he felt honored and fortunate to meet Walker.



Walker discovers the inside of a B-52.



Airman Tabitha Wininger/2d CS

Sharkbait...

Barbara Makamson, 2d Services Squadron, paddles her boat across Barksdale's west pool during the "Boat Float Boogie" June 4. Sixteen teams and about 200 people competed to see who could make it across the pool fastest without sinking. The 2d Dental Squadron won the fastest ship award along with a \$200 cash prize. The 2d Medical Group won the team spirit award and the 2d Communications Squadron won the "Golden Anvil" award for the fastest sinking ship.

How to correctly fly American flags

STAFF REPORTS

Editor's note: In honor of Flag Day, which is Monday, the following outlines flag etiquette.

Many people like to show their patriotism by displaying the American flag, but how many know there is a federal law on flag etiquette? Generally referred to as the Flag Code, the etiquette stipulates how the American flag should be properly displayed.

Base officials said the main thing they'd like people to understand is that the flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source at night.

Also, when a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Flag burning arrangements can be made by calling the Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Brown Post 4588 in Bossier City at 746-5085 or call the Elks Lodge No. 122 in Shreveport at 868-5301.

Log onto www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml for more information about proper display of the flag. The following are some general guidelines from the Flag Code:

- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing.

It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.

- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except a flag patch may be used on uniforms
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. The flag should be neatly folded and ceremoniously stored.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.



Reservations required for all events.

Baby-sitting training course

Youth between the ages of 11-15 are invited to attend a 16-hour baby-sitting training course Monday though Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to receive baby-sitting certification from the American Red Cross.

Topics include baby-sitting skills and techniques, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, safety and safe play, basic care, leadership and professionalism. Parents and guardians can pick up registration forms at the Family Support Center. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the center for more information at 456-8400.

Personal, family readiness briefing

The Family Support Center's readiness team provides information and support Thursday and June 24 at 2 p.m. to prepare for separation. Visit the center for this briefing to prepare active duty members and their families for separation due to deployment or TDY. Spouses or significant others may attend.

Call 456-8400 for more information.

Preseparation briefing

The law directs that preseparation briefings start as soon as possible within the preceding 12 or 24 months. Better preparation can lead to a smoother transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing informs people of the resources available as they make this change.

Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to schedule this briefing.

Air Force as a second language book

New Air Force spouses may enter the world of the military with many questions about acronyms, Air Force programs and services and benefits. An informative booklet answers many of the questions they might have and possibly some they haven't considered.

Interested individuals may come by the Family Support Center to pick up a copy.

Parents, tots playgroup

Fun for both parents and young children, this informal playgroup helps improve the social skills of pre-school children while improving parenting skills and child development knowledge through sharing with each other on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Chapel Two Annex.

Relocation briefing

All relocating members must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available for a smooth transition to a next duty assignment.

Call 456-8400 as soon as possible to schedule a briefing. Spouses may attend.

English as a second language

This class provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, learning to speak, read and write English Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. These skills can aid in the transition to American culture.

Call the center for more information at 456-8400.

Survival guide to local employment

A survival guide provides important job line numbers, personnel phone numbers, employment agencies and other information. Come by to pick up a copy.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Family: I'm very thankful to have a supportive family that gives me the motivation to never

Hometown: Orangeburg, S.C.

Unit: 11th Bomb Squadron

Job title: Aviation resource management sys-

Job description: Ensure flyers get the proper training they need to operate the B-52

Most rewarding job aspect: When I get no complaints about the schedule I've put together

Goals: To achieve senior airman below-thezone and make staff my first time testing

Hobbies: Watching T.V., going out to eat and hanging with people I enjoy being around

What motivates my winning attitude: My

Favorite TV show: The Parkers

Favorite movie: Remember the Titans

Favorite performer: Avant

Favorite sports team: The Sixers

Favorite dish: Chicken strips, mashed pota-

toes, and biscuits

Favorite book: My Career Development

I'm proudest of: Myself for every great thing I accomplish in life



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Airman 1st Class Tiffany Phoenix

Best day of my life: Basic training graduation, because my cousin came to see me even though she was very scared to ride on an airplane

My best asset is: My mind

Pet peeve: When people try to tell me what to

What I like most about Barksdale: My

11th Bomb Squadron at a Glance

Squadron commander: Lt. Col. Parker Northrup

Master Sgt. Jeff Sanders

2d Operations Group commander: Col. Roderick Gillis

Squadron Motto: Dressed to Kill

Base Chapel Services

456-2111

Duty chaplain for emergencies: 456-2151



Catholic

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.
Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m. Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m. Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Dorm cookout

The chapel and 2d Security Forces Squadron team up to provide food and music for the dorm residents June 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

B A S E T H E A T E

Today

7 p.m. — "Ella Enchanted" PG

Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy — Ella of Frell was born with the gift of absolute obedience given by a magical fairy godmother. But when her inability to disobey orders threatens to keep her away from her true love, Prince Charment, she sets out on a journey to rid herself of the curse.

Saturday 7 p.m. — "Kill Bill Vol. 2" R

Uma Thurman, David Carradine — There were five on her list. Now it's three. O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green were the first to fall, now the bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest. If the final three aren't afraid now, they better start, because she's coming for them. However, something has thrown off her plans a bit.

Sunday 7 p.m. — "Envy" PG-13

Ben Stiller, Jack Black — When a hapless schmuck becomes rich after selling an invention called "Vapoorize," which causes dog waste to vanish instantly, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war on him.

Movies are subject to change without notice

Admission: Adults \$3 Children \$1.50

"What's Cooking?"

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

TODAY

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

SATURDAY

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken Supper — Pork chops, fish almondine, stir-fry chicken

SUNDAY

 ${\bf Brunch--Sauerbraten,\,tuna\,\,and\,\,noodles,\,chicken\,\,breasts}$ Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

MONDAY

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

TUESDAY

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean-jerk chicken Dinner — Country-style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Liver, tempura-fried fish, spiced pork chops Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

June 18

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken



49th TES defeats 2d MXS No. 3 8-1

By Airman Brandon Kusek

OBSERVER

The 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron defeated the 2d Maintenance Squadron No. 3 8-1 in intramural softball action Monday at Barksdale Softball Field Two.

"We were hitting the ball really well all-night long, we only had a few errors and everyone played as a team," said Mark Lafleur, 49th TES head coach.

The 2d MXS team got the game under way at the plate but only managed to get one batter on base and the team was forced to take the field after three pitches led to three fly outs to center field.

"I think we played pretty well, but there is always room for improvement," said Matthew Hunn, 2d MXS No. 3



Airman 1st Class Sonya Padilla/2d CS

Top: Greg Hochgesang, 2d MXS team No. 3, looks to get a hit in the game against 49th TES Monday. Right: Steve "Yanni Glove" Yanyecic, 49th TES, runs back after a fly ball in their intramural softball game Monday against 2d MXS No. 3

head coach. "We had to make some changes right before game time, so I think that hurt us."

The lead-off batter from 49th TES started the night off right by getting on base. Then a wild throw on an attempted double play from second base to first base allowed 49th TES to take an early 1-0 lead. 2d MXS redeemed themselves by ending the inning with a double play.

With a 1-0 lead, 49th TES showed they had the hot glove when the first baseman caught a line drive and tagged the bag for a double play. A pop up to the catcher retired the side.

A fly out to left center field started off the rotation and the score became 2-0 after an in-the-park home run. What started out as a regular single turned into a home run when the throws to first and third were both overthrown. 2d MXS put water on the fire, ending the inning with two solid throws to first base.

"We made a few costly errors on defense and they took advantage of them and scored a few runs," Hunn said.



Once again 2d MXS had trouble getting the bats going and was forced to return to the field when three pitches turned into three outs.

With two runners on base, 49th TES started their biggest inning by hitting a triple and knocking in two runs. Later in the inning with one runner on, 49th TES came up big again with another triple to score one run and the inning ended on a ground out, but not before the damage was done.

"The gave did a great job of hitting conservatively and

"The guys did a great job of hitting conservatively and not going for the fence," Lafleur said. "They did a great job of getting on base and running the bases wisely."

The 2d MXS started the fourth inning by getting three hits and two bases full but 49th TES got the last out when a line drive was caught by the third baseman and thrown to second before the runner could react for a double play.

Exhaustion seemed to set in on 2d MXS when they walked the first three batters. Strong infield play caused a double play but allowed 49th TES to score their only run of the inning when the runner from second base was able to sneak past the defense.

Three pitches later it looked like the inning was over, but miscommunication between the pitcher and the catcher caused a pop-up foul ball to drop. The 2d MXS was not about to make that mistake again and on the next pitch the ball was hit to almost the same exact spot and was caught to end the inning.

The 49th TES continued to dominate at the top of the fifth inning by not allowing 2d MXS to even make it to second base. But 2d MXS showed they, too, can play defense when the inning ended scoreless by the pitcher's quick reflexes when he caught a line drive that was going for his head.

The top of sixth inning 2d MXS got into scoring position with a runner on third but he got no farther.

The only run in the sixth inning came on an in-the-park home run. The ball was hit just over the right fielder's head, but the runner still managed to make it home. The inning ended with the score 8-0 in favor of 49th TES.

With time running down 2d MXS was on their toes. The 2d MXS scored their only run of the night when a throw to third escaped the third baseman's grasp. The game ended on a ground ball to the shortstop with the score in favor of 49th TES, 8-1.

"We felt good going into last night's game, but we're just going to put this one behind us and focus on the next game," Hunn said.

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Gifts and Getaways (456-1865) Youth Center (456-3448) Half price Six Flags tickets

Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park is open and tickets are less than half of normal gate prices. Gifts and Getaways tickets start at \$22 versus \$45 at the gate.

Hurricane Harbor is also located next to Six Flags. Get tickets for this nationally acclaimed waterpark for \$16 versus normal gate prices of \$32. Stop by Gifts and Getaways in the Base Exchange Mall to take advantage of these savings.

Outdoor Recreation (456-7765) Swim lesson registration

Outdoor recreation offers swim lessons for children and adults. Sign up Monday through Friday at the north pool. The price is \$30 for the first student and \$25 per additional student. Pool passes are also available for purchase.

Fox Run Golf Course (456-2263) Base championship

The golf base championship is scheduled for June 26-27. This tournament is open to active duty, reservists and Department of Defense and Non appropriated fund civilans. Players pay the normal green fees and cart rental rates with no entry fees. Winners from all flights receive trophies. The number of flights is contingent on the number of entries. Teeoff is at 8 a.m. Stop by Fox Run Golf Course to sign up.

Wednesday scramble

Players can compete in Wednesday's scramble starting at 5 p.m. This is a blind draw, five-person scramble format. Names are pulled from a hat to establish teams. The entry fee is \$3 plus normal green fees and cart rental. One hundred percent of all entry fees are paid back as prize money. Come out for an afternoon of friendly competition.

Bowling Center (456-4133)

Summer bowling program

Get out of the heat this summer and win some great prizes with the Bowl for Stars and Strikes program at the bowling center. Pick up a punch card and have it punched with every game bowled or with every large soda purchased. Win a bowling piggy bank, a new bowling ball or a bowling bag. Bowling is a great indoor activity for children and adults alike. Call the bowling center for open bowling times.

Summer day camp

Summer day camp is going on now at the youth center. It features fitness activities, fishing, swimming, weekly field trips, community projects and the highly acclaimed Missoula drama camp. Call 456-3448 or stop by to sign up.

Part Day Enrichment (456-3776) Fall preschool openings

Fall preschool has openings for children ages 3-5, provided they are 3-years-old prior to Sept. 30. Two, three and five-day classes are available and run from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Register Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. at the Part Day Enrichment Center. Bring immunization records, birth certificate and both parents' leave and earning statements or W-2's. Ten dollars is required to sign up and fees are based on total family income. Slots fill quickly so hurry to sign up.

Library (456-4101)

Summer art contest

This summer the library's "Bugliest Bug" contest has the summer reading kids all abuzz. Children should make bugs out of any material, name the creation and bring it to the library by July 21 with a completed entry form. The art will be displayed during the summer and judged by library users and staff. Winners will be awarded in a variety of age categories at 9 a.m. on July 27. Please call for details.

All for Dad

Get Dad out of the house and bring him to the officers dub. We've arranged an extra-special brunch for Father's Day.

Roasted turkey with sage

a.m. and 1:30 eservations required ranks welcome



